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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with John Martiny, Chief Counsel, House
Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Re Legisla-
tive Matters

1. Met with John Martiny, Chief Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and reviewed several current legislative matters with him. It is Martiny's opinion that the Executive Pay Act proposal introduced by Chairman Dulski a week ago changing the reporting date from January 1974 to July 1973 has a good chance for passage. The Administration's proposal for a Federal Executive Service has little chance of even being reported from the Committee during this present Congress.

2. Members of the staff of the Waldie Subcommittee have been in contact with Ervin's staff concerning Senator Ervin's bill for the protection of constitutional rights of Federal employees. The Senator intends to move this bill early in the session and Representative Waldie has announced privately that he intends to report the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee bill (which contains full CIA exemptions) when the matter comes before the Subcommittee.

3. As for various proposals and actions of Federal departments in realigning personnel structure, Martiny noted with some personal approval the action of the Post Office Department two years ago when they converted from the Department to the Postal Service. All persons who left the Department of the Post Office at the time of the changeover whether by voluntary action, by departmental action, or by retirement were apparently granted six-months severance pay at their grade level.

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This action was undertaken according to Martiny on the Department's authority without any additional specific legislative enactment. It is Martiny's opinion that existing Agency legislative authority is much broader than that enjoyed by the Post Office Department at the time of the action in question.



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